

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1.-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the insulin sensitizer is pioglitazone hydrochloride.

10.-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method for improving or treating acidosis in a mammal in need thereof which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of an insulin sensitizer in combination with insulin, wherein the insulin sensitizer is selected from pioglitazone or a salt thereof;

wherein said acidosis is diabetic acidosis ~~or acidosis caused by metformin.~~

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method for improving or treating acidosis in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of an insulin sensitizer selected from pioglitazone or a salt thereof;

wherein said acidosis is diabetic acidosis ~~or acidosis caused by metformin.~~

19.-23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the insulin sensitizer is pioglitazone hydrochloride.

25.-30. (Canceled)

31. (New) A method for improving or treating acidosis in a mammal in need thereof which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of an insulin sensitizer in combination with insulin, wherein the insulin sensitizer is selected from pioglitazone or a salt thereof;

wherein said acidosis is acidosis caused by metformin.

32. (New) A method for improving or treating acidosis in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of an insulin sensitizer selected from pioglitazone or a salt thereof;

wherein said acidosis is acidosis caused by metformin.

33. (New) The method of claim 31 wherein the insulin sensitizer is pioglitazone hydrochloride.

34. (New) The method of claim 32 wherein the insulin sensitizer is pioglitazone hydrochloride.

35. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein said mammal has type II diabetes.

36. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein said mammal has type II diabetes.